

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-47, drawn to a device for conditioning a contact surface of a processing pad;
- II. Claims 48-66, drawn to a system for restoring a contact surface of a processing pad;
- III. Claims 67-91, drawn to a processing machine for processing microelectronic workpieces; and
- IV. Claims 92-101, drawn to a method for conditioning a processing pad.

In response, the applicant elects Group II without traverse. Non-elected claims 1-47 and 67-101 have been canceled. Accordingly, the applicant has elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 48-66.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,  
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